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Office Action Summary

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 October 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/12/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim (U.S. Patent 6882860 B1), Ishigaki (U.S. Patent 6678534), Morgenthaler (U.S. Patent 6310609), and Bories et al (U.S. Patent 6778841 B1).

Regarding Claims 1, 5, and 9, Kim teaches a portable telephone set, comprising: call termination notification means for notifying a user of said portable telephone set of termination of a telephone call (Col.2:65-Col.3:3, the display and buzzer are notification means); and Kim further teaches a key inputting means (i.e. keypad (Fig.1;115)), however Kim **is silent on** the key inputting means including a plurality of keys for accepting a key inputting operation of any of said keys by the user; key input discrimination means for discriminating whether the key inputting operation of said key inputting means is valid or invalid; key input validity notification means operable when said key input discrimination means discriminates that the key inputting operation is valid for causing said call termination notification means to notify the user of the validity of the key inputting operation with a first pattern set in advance; and key input invalidity notification means operable when said key input discrimination means

discriminates that the key inputting operation is invalid for causing said call termination notification means to notify the user of the invalidity of the key inputting operation with a second pattern set in advance and different from the first pattern.

Ishigaki teaches the key inputting means including a plurality of keys for accepting a key inputting operation of any of said keys by the user (Fig.1:5,6,7,8,11,12,13); key input discrimination means for discriminating whether the key inputting operation of said key inputting means is valid or invalid (Abstract:1-3, control section is the key input discrimination means);

Morgenthaler teaches a key input invalidity notification means (i.e. a beep) operable when said key input discrimination means discriminates that the key inputting operation is invalid for causing said call termination notification means to notify the user of the invalidity of the key inputting operation (Col.6:37-42).

Morgenthaler teaches a key input validity notification (i.e. no beep, however the desired function is performed, where the function may be a call termination) means operable when said key input discrimination means discriminates that the key inputting operation is valid for causing said call termination notification means to notify the user of the validity of the key inputting operation (Col.6:42-45, no beep and performing the desired function is the notification of validity).

Bories teaches an operating program in memory which includes a routine to allow the user to set up one or more function settings to control the type of

feedback. Using the menu function, the user is able to select one or more types of feedback to receiver for a selected input. The types of feedback comprise visual, audio, and vibratory (Col.3:30-37). From Bories teachings, one of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to modify Morgenthaler such that there could be a feedback pattern for a valid notification and a different feedback pattern for an invalid notification, where both are set in advance.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Kim in combination with Ishigaki, Morgenthaler, and Bories, such that there is a key inputting means including a plurality of keys for accepting a key inputting operation of any of said keys by the user; key input discrimination means for discriminating whether the key inputting operation of said key inputting means is valid or invalid; key input validity notification means operable when said key input discrimination means discriminates that the key inputting operation is valid for causing said call termination notification means to notify the user of the validity of the key inputting operation with a first pattern set in advance; and key input invalidity notification means operable when said key input discrimination means discriminates that the key inputting operation is invalid for causing said call termination notification means to notify the user of the invalidity of the key inputting operation with a second pattern set in advance and different from the first pattern, since they are from the same search area, viz. alerting a mobile terminal user. The motivation for combination is to provide a method for alerting a user of pressing an incorrect key or a key, which will not

perform any available function so that the user may know to press a functional key on the next try.

Regarding Claims 2 and 6, the combination as discussed above teach all the limitations as recited in claims 1 and 5, and Kim further teaches call termination notification means includes a liquid crystal display device (Col.2:62-67).

Regarding Claims 3 and 7, the combination as discussed above teach all the limitations as recited in claims 2 and 6, however the combination **is silent on** the liquid crystal display device of said call termination notification means is rendered operative when said portable telephone set is used in a mode wherein no sound is generated from said portable telephone set.

Kim teaches that an LCD display displays different call termination displays (Col.2:65-67). To one of ordinary skill in the art, it is obvious that if a phone is in a mode where no sound is generated from the portable telephone set, that other means of alerting the user must be used, i.e. vibration, or various displays via LCD display.

Regarding Claim 4 and 8, the combination as discussed above teach all the limitations as recited in claims 1 and 5, and Ishigaki further teaches comprising a memory for storing key allocation information representative of whether each of said keys is valid or invalid when a selected menu is to be processed, said key input discrimination means using the key allocation

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information to discriminate whether the key inputting operation is valid or invalid
(Col.4:39-45).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- U.S. Pub. 2001/0016491 A1; Imura et al ; Function Limiting Method for Telephone Communication Terminal, Telephone Communication Method, Telephone Communication Terminal and Repeating Center Equipment.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wesley L. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-7867. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on 571-272-7872. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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